

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 01712 311509Z

41

ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EA-06 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05

CIAE-00 IO-03 L-01 RSC-01 PM-03 DODE-00 SP-02 /049 W

----- 112645

R 311500Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7625

INFO USMISSION USBERLIN

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 01712

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, GW, WB, VN, US

SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE: PRG ISSUE

REF: BONN 19584

1. FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE CANCELLED THE MEETING IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 4 AT WHICH THEY AND THE FRG PROPOSED TO CONTINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE FONOFF IS NOT CLEAR ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE' ACTION BUT SPECULATES THAT IT MAY BE RELATED TO A CURRENT EFFORT ON HANOI'S PART TO UPGRADE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE BENELUX COUNTRIES BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER IN THE DIFFICULT TALKS WITH BONN.

2. AT THEIR LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD APPEARED TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION BETWEEN  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 01712 311509Z

THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BERLIN AND THE FRG'S

WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE PARIS AGREEMENT (READ STATUS OF PRG). THE FRG APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM HAD NOT BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT AT THE TIME THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CANCELLATION WAS RECEIVED. BASICALLY, THE LINE WHICH SEA DIRECTOR BERENDONCK HAS PROPOSED, AND WHICH HE EXPECTS WILL BE APPROVED, IS THAT THE FRG DELEGATION CANNOT REFUSE TO LISTEN TO WHAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE PARIS AGREEMENT BUT THAT THEY MUST AT THE SAME TIME MAKE CLEAR TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE THAT NO PARALLEL CAN BE DRAWN BETWEEN BONN'S RELATIONSHIP TO BERLIN AND HANOI'S TO THE PRG. IN THE GERMAN VIEW, BONN'S RIGHT TO REPRESENT BERLIN IS A LEGAL MATTER, SECURED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. HANOI'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE PRG, ON THE OTHER HAND IS A POLITICAL MATTER WHICH DOES NOT PROPERLY BELONG IN THE SPHERE OF WEST GERMAN-NORTH VIETNAMESE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. THE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRG APPEARS TO US TO BE ENTIRELY FIRM. THE FONOFF HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND/OR MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT WHATEVER LEVEL. THIS HOLDS TRUE, IN PARTICULAR, FOR THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR AND FOR THE PRG'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN OBSERVER STATUS AT THE 7TH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. BERENDONCK HAS TOLD US THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RECENTLY HINTED TO THE GERMANS IN PARIS THAT A 'NON-HOSTILE ATTITUDE' ON THE PART OF THE FRG TOWARD THESE EFFORTS OF THE PRG COULD HAVE A FAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF THEIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE FRG, BERENDONCK SAYS, IS IN NO HURRY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND IS NOT IN THE LEAST TEMPTED BY THIS BAIT.  
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975BONN01712  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750036-0811  
**From:** BONN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t1975014/aaaaaczr.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Reference:** 75 BONN 19584  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17 APR 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <17 APR 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <17 SEP 2003 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FRG RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE: PRG ISSUE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PDIP, GE, WB, VN, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006